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**LETTERS OF KATE B. OAKS**  
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Dear Aunt

When I last saw you  
I thought that I would write out there  
before you Papa and I will have come  
out this fall but - every thing is so  
unsettled now in regard to the move-  
ments of the Cherokees in the Valley  
Old Early and Thornton are carrying  
their families and are about to

but what the Cherokees say about this  
fall yet and in case of an invasion  
or even a raid it would not be very  
well to be away from them if it  
had not been for that we would be  
there now perhaps but I hope to get





out there before Spring Luther  
and Annie intend coming out-  
there. Luther would like to get  
a farm or some situation near  
you. He is very busy now preparing  
for his tale and he would like

if you would <sup>inquire about it</sup> if there is any farms place that  
we for rent please inquire what  
the terms for renting are and also  
the number of acres in the farms  
if there is any farms perhaps there  
is some houses for rent if he would  
get a house and let he would  
like take it pointing he would  
enjoy in some business if it is a thing to  
not putting you to too much  
inconvenience please look around  
for him he will be out sometime  
in January if nothing happens he  
did not like to incur the expense  
of coming out this fall and

Saga thought perhaps you would  
help them some please write what  
Bessie is selling at now. Old Great-  
aprically for they want to sell their  
Sick and try out there you need  
not be surprised if it become a  
flouring myself for if they were not  
I intend coming along if Mother  
and Papa consent. I wish Luther  
could get some place near you  
then they would not be so much  
like Chaugas in a strange land  
place ensures immediately so that  
Luther will know what to do  
but they will call on you  
I think to purchase a small piece  
of land to an evening. Tell Bessie  
I see I missed his letter some  
time as you receive this from  
your niece  
Kate S. Oaks



just the same fact that even now we  
able to get it done almost if not be  
want to see old abolitionists who  
have to excuse to wait him to do this & you  
he is disappointed, he says if leaving it all to  
old Abolition he had to wait longly expecting  
to have not only a moment that that after  
that he is going to get this money & then  
he will be able to get them again it is getting  
late & must stop writing, we are all  
well hope you are the same give my love  
to all the family people & will also be  
forced to be absent. He & Joseph & I will  
be something else you will send me  
but rest in your rest. With much love  
you send your obsequious  
to but I must stop now soon

to remain your cousin

I am going to sing

to-morrow night & the

next night & the

one next is not yet

long

just night

to

Wm. Westcott, Oct.

Dear Sir

Whitman then sets for

Cousin Jo

I must give little this

evening it was to say a thing a little

more so that I thought I would say

from the evening and taking you for

my example answer it immediately in

you say you did never & you have a

much talk and trusting about your good

things, why we have had ever since

I said you said you went to meeting

time in one night, and you answered

to that about it, why I have nothing to

meeting & then had a private meeting

when I came home & you did it and

then one lot of course, and at 9

became but at some body else the

nothing you think it might be something

why I go 9 night in a week & then

in Sunday, it would go more but my

time is thinking that I do not go



ing and been shut in staying  
and she did not get away, and so  
had to wait, without sending for  
me as I had intended to do. I was  
then gathering a little while I  
was at a meeting and it rained  
early all of times it rained here  
last Wednesday to the 10th of  
a 20 inches and now it is raining  
and I am sure it never snows  
nothing but snow about 6 inches  
of the Creek is rising rapidly and  
is expected very high water before long  
which may prevent me from coming  
back, assuming there are some  
with anticipated that the State was  
ing to cross the Potomac into Maryland  
it assumed a great deal of excitement  
at it has been anticipated, if they  
will attempt it they will meet with  
severe opposition at Washington and  
there is about 15,000 Guards there.  
But she would be of some service

if they would visit Wheelock's school  
they are in the habit of doing.  
He did not think they would attempt  
to cross as the River is swollen  
very much in consequence of the  
melting snow and rain. I do hope  
they will not come over after I  
see about 1000 and that is more  
for me. Sister Annie moved on Sun-  
day last she is situated in a magnificent  
I came down till Thursday evening with  
her. Mary Anne still has Sister Anne  
near there but we had a good time  
if it were there I expected to see her  
today but that weather is so very disagree-  
able she could not come the time was  
so very long I can scarcely wait. Still  
she comes home. There will be a  
Parade in Washington tomorrow of  
one of our Angles, a very society  
and respectable old gentleman he has  
the Congressional Education and was  
in the South a week. There was a



young man died in Mayaguez  
it. I told Eva she was better in  
the morning and died the day after.  
It was the only man in town at  
that time as far as I know.  
I must move now as it is getting  
late. I hope you will not be  
spiteful. I'll answer as soon as  
you remember me. I'll tell you  
at present only I love the  
outside pretty well. I hope you  
have few glances every day  
good health. Please remember me to  
all the members of your family  
give my love to all of them and  
keep a good share for your self. I  
would give you more but I must  
leave for somebody else. I'll send  
this love to Aunt W. March.

I must now bid you an  
affectionate good night—  
your Cousin  
Edith B. Cook

Christiana, April 4<sup>th</sup> 1861

Dear Cousin

I sent myself for the  
purpose of paying for your money  
to answer your letter about Richard  
the 24<sup>th</sup> which I received about four  
weeks ago. But I was not prepared  
to answer it just then. I had  
the negative taken for the Photograph  
But when she went for them





during should have you must have a  
very pleasant time till admit if you  
have your acquaintance better to go with  
it they will make you ought to go  
slipping into your living state if you  
wanted to take your throat would to me  
the most ravaging I have but I was  
not intimate my skin you seem to  
think I should not come out there to  
try to cooperate any of your Gentlemen  
do you think I could do it? but you  
are very near right when you say that  
if I would come out there the next  
year you would see would be that  
pleasant dinner you would not there  
them would you I would not if  
he was there you would see just living  
he makes a horse go right along  
one there was such a long road at  
living I so we were going towards ten  
that High attempted to run across it  
one on each side I kept him to  
that - then go for I was afraid of

an mistake but to give to have  
the time I was want supplying for  
another when one thought slipped the  
other left on would his show with  
severely go. & when not checked back  
they were nearly a fault, would defend  
he always think at 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